

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-14, 19, 20, 22-27, 29, 47-53, and 55-61 are pending. Claims 49-53 and 55-61 have been allowed, claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 10, 12-14, 19, 20, 22, 23, 25-27, 29, 47, and 48 have been amended, and claims 2, 15-18, 21, 28, 30-46, and 54 have been canceled.

In this paper, the rejected claims have been amended to depend from one of the allowed claims or to include distinguishing features from one or more of the allowed claims. As a result of these amendments, claims 3-14, 25, 27, 47, and 48 now depend from allowed claim 49, and claims 1, 19, 20, 22, 26, and 29 depend from allowed claim 53. Claim 23 has been amended to recite features similar to those which patentably distinguish allowed claim 55 from the cited references.

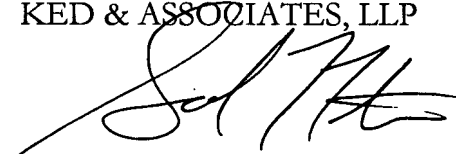
In view of these amendments, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and furtherance of the application to allowance are respectfully requested.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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